

DOCKET NO: 17349CIP(AP)

APR 21 2006

PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Chow et al. )  
Customer No.: 051957 )  
Group Art Unit: 1614 )  
Serial No.: 10/039,827; Conf. No. 9534 )  
Filed: October 19, 2001 )  
For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS )  
FOR MODULATING ALPHA )  
ADRENERGIC RECEPTOR ACTIVITY )  
Examiner: Fay, Z. )  
\_\_\_\_\_ )

## REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

The Office Action of February 27, 2006 has been received and carefully studied. Applicants respectfully request that you reconsider this rejection in light of the arguments made herein.

## CERTIFICATE OF FAX TRANSMISSION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING TRANSMITTED TO THE CENTRAL FAX  
NUMBER 571-273-8300, ON 4/21/06 (Date) Name of person making deposit: Bonnie Ferguson  
Signature: Bonnie Ferguson Date 4/21/06

4 pages